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# THE NEW AVENGERS

## THE TRUST
### PART TWO

## PREVIOUSLY...

After the superhuman Civil War, Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Wolverine and Spider-Woman went underground rather than register their identities with the government. Together with Clint Barton--now wearing the costume of Ronin--Doctor Strange and Iron Fist, they have traveled to Japan to rescue Maya Lopez, the deaf woman also known as Echo, from the band of assassins known as the Hand.

When Elektra, the Hand's leader, is killed in battle, her body reverts to its true form: that of a Skrull, a shape-shifting alien.

Meanwhile, in New York City, Iron Man's team of Mighty Avengers are fighting a newly-powered Ultron, who has set off an EMP attack which has cut off all types of power. Iron Fist's plane, which the New Avengers are using to fly back to the United States, falls out of the sky as the team is in the middle of an intense debate about what to do with the dead Skrull's body.

When the plane crashes in a golf course outside of Chicago, Spider-Woman takes the Skrull body and leaves her teammates behind.


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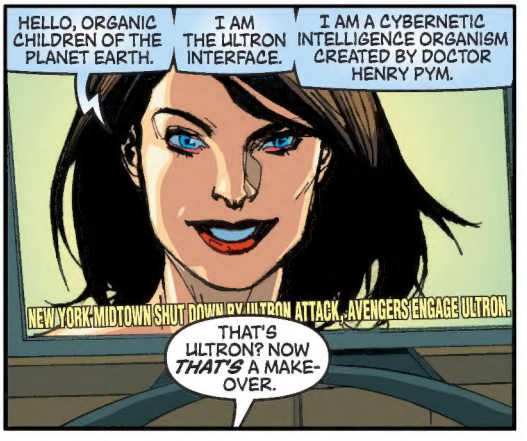
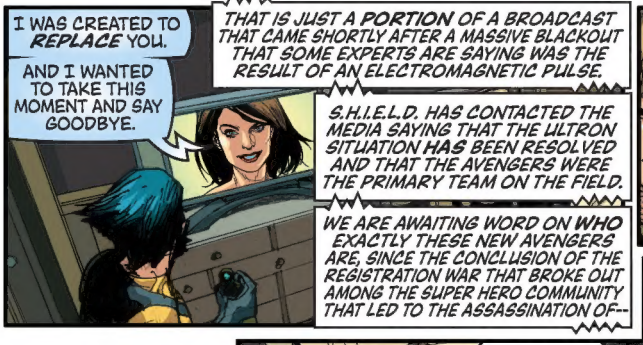
YOUR POWERS MEAN NOTHING!
IN A FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE-- ON THE BATTLEFIELD-- POWERS ARE ONLY AS USEFUL AS THE SOLDIER WHO WIELDS THEM.
THEY ARE NO EXCUSE TO NOT KNOW HOW TO FIGHT.
THEY ARE A TOOL IN A FIGHT.
THEY ARE A TOOL TO DEFEND YOURSELF WITH.
NO OFFENSE, CAP, BUT I'LL PUT MY BOW UP AGAINST YOUR FIST ANY DAY OF THE WEEK!
THAT IS A NICE BOW. DID YOU MAKE IT?
DAMN RIGHT I DID.
MAY I?
CRACK

GUNK!
WHOA!
AGH!
FUMP
HAWKEYE, YOU ARE GOING TO LEARN HOW TO FIGHT SO WELL--
GET--
--THAT YOUR BOW AND ARROW WILL BE THE THING YOU'RE LEAST KNOWN FOR.
--OFF!
AND YOU'LL THANK ME!
HEY, UH, HAWKEYE, THAT WAS SOME MAJOR SKILL YOU SHOWED BACK IN JAPAN.
WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO FIGHT LIKE THAT?
CAPTAIN AMERICA.

HE WAS THE MAN.
HE WAS.
I HAVEN'T BEEN TO CHICAGO SINCE MY BOOK TOUR.
I THINK I SEE OPRAH.
YOU WROTE A BOOK?
I WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF CALLING IT "REMAINDER BIN."
SO, I SAY WE REST UP, EAT SOMETHING, THEN WE FIND A WAY BACK TO NEW YORK.
I'M NERVOUS JUST SITTING HERE.

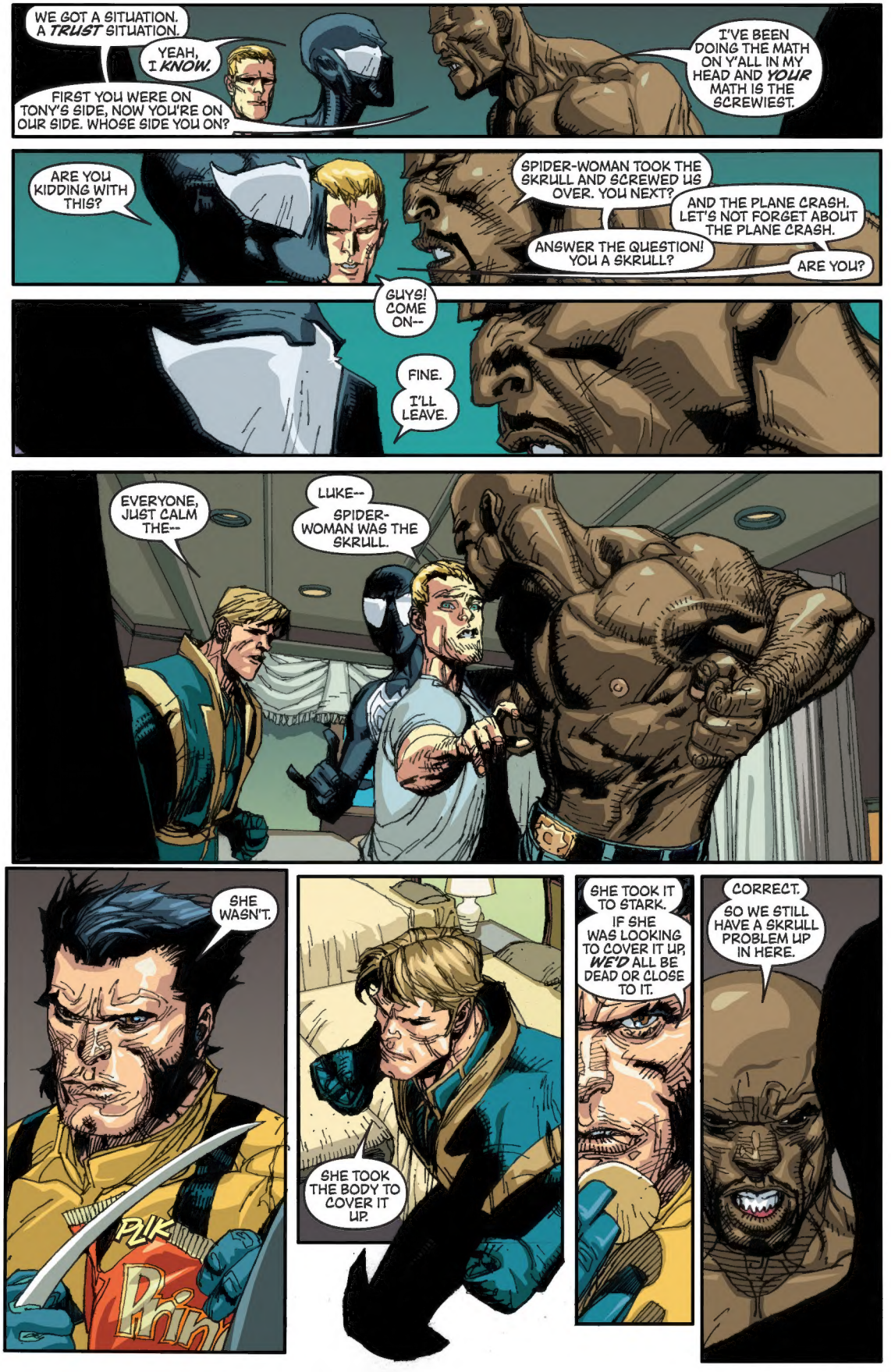
DOC STRANGE'S GOT US COVERED WITH SOME MAGIC WHAMMY, RIGHT?
WE'RE COVERED FOR NOW.
DO YOU THINK WHATEVER CRASHED THE PLANE AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEW YORK ARE THE SAME THING?
DEPENDS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEW YORK.
WAIT.


HELLO, ORGANIC CHILDREN OF THE PLANET EARTH.
I AM THE ULTRON INTERFACE.
I AM A CYBERNETIC INTELLIGENCE ORGANISM CREATED BY DOCTOR HENRY PYM.
NEW YORK MIDTOWN SHUT DOWN BY ULTRON ATTACK. AVENGERS ENGAGE ULTRON.
THAT'S ULTRON? NOW THAT'S A MAKE-OVER.

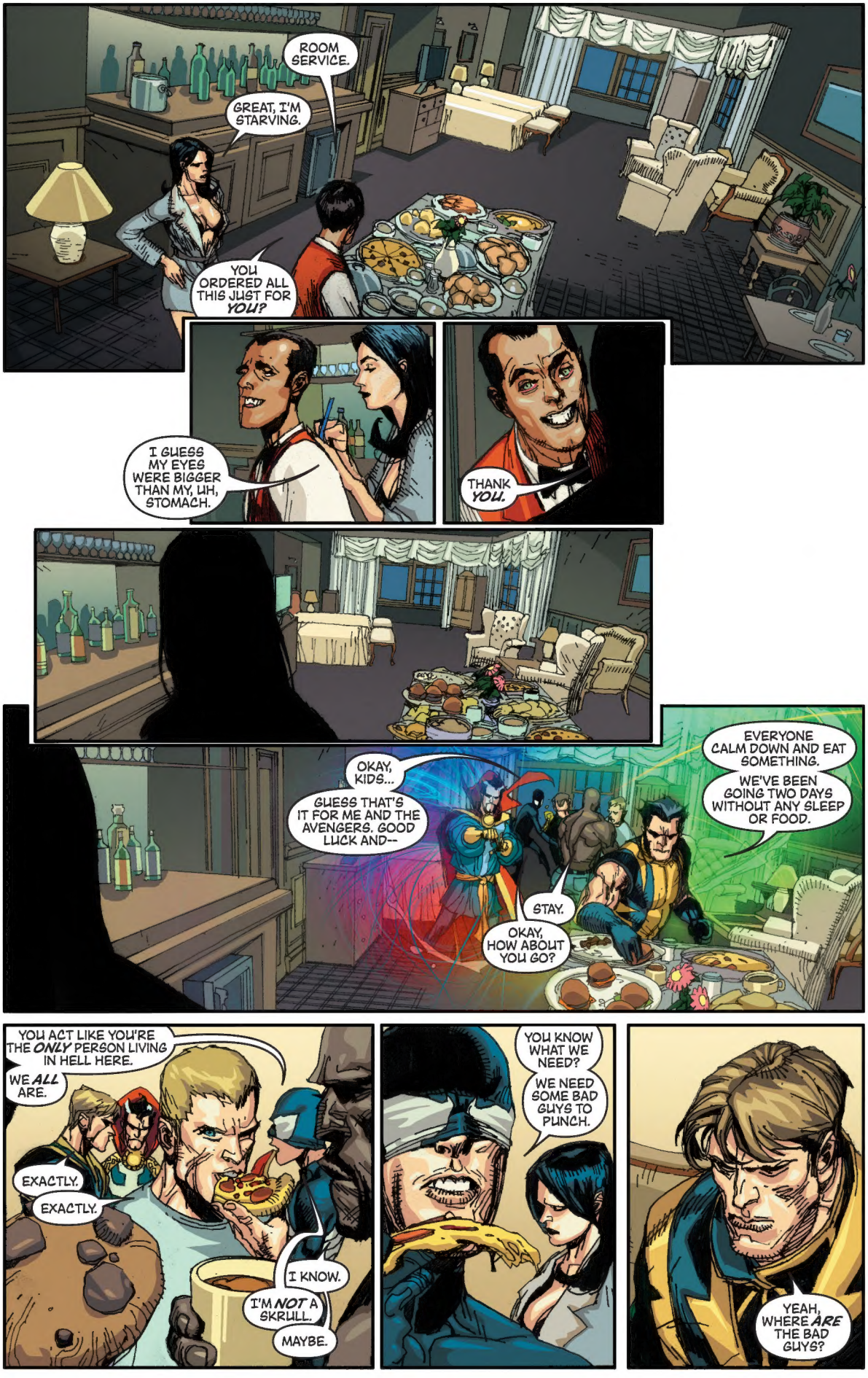

I WAS CREATED TO REPLACE YOU.
AND I WANTED TO TAKE THIS MOMENT AND SAY GOODBYE.
THAT IS JUST A PORTION OF A BROADCAST THAT CAME SHORTLY AFTER A MASSIVE BLACKOUT THAT SOME EXPERTS ARE SAYING WAS THE RESULT OF AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE.
S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS CONTACTED THE MEDIA SAYING THAT THE ULTRON SITUATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED AND THAT THE AVENGERS WERE THE PRIMARY TEAM ON THE FIELD.
WE ARE AWAITING WORD ON WHO EXACTLY THESE NEW AVENGERS ARE, SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE REGISTRATION WAR THAT BROKE OUT AMONG THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY THAT LED TO THE ASSASSINATION OF--

THE AVENGERS?
TURN IT OFF, IT'S NOISE.

LEAST WE KNOW THEY'RE TOO BUSY TO BE CHASING US.
ULTRON.
YES! ULTRON! BECAUSE THE NINJAS, THE CIVIL WAR, THE ALIEN ELEKTRA AND THE PLANE CRASH WEREN'T NEARLY ENOUGH--
ARE YOU A SKRULL?
UH, WHAT?


WE GOT A SITUATION. A TRUST SITUATION.
YEAH, I KNOW.
FIRST YOU WERE ON TONY'S SIDE, NOW YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE. WHOSE SIDE YOU ON?
I'VE BEEN DOING THE MATH ON Y'ALL IN MY HEAD AND YOUR MATH IS THE SCREWIEST.
ARE YOU KIDDING WITH THIS?
SPIDER-WOMAN TOOK THE SKRULL AND SCREWED US OVER. YOU NEXT?
AND THE PLANE CRASH. LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT THE PLANE CRASH.
ANSWER THE QUESTION! YOU A SKRULL?
ARE YOU?
GUYS! COME ON--
FINE. I'LL LEAVE.
EVERYONE, JUST CALM THE--
LUKE--
SPIDER-WOMAN WAS THE SKRULL.
SHE WASN'T.
PLK
Prrrh
SHE TOOK THE BODY TO COVER IT UP.
SHE TOOK IT TO STARK.
IF SHE WAS LOOKING TO COVER IT UP, WE'D ALL BE DEAD OR CLOSE TO IT.
CORRECT.
SO WE STILL HAVE A SKRULL PROBLEM UP IN HERE.

GUYS!
DUDE!
I'LL GIVE YOU TO THE COUNT OF THREE--
YEAH? THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE.
LUKE-- HE'S NOT A SKRULL.
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.
FINE! I'M OUT OF HERE. ANYONE KNOW WHICH WAY NEW YORK IS?
GUYS!
DO NOT LET HIM GO!
THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO--
LUKE!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
THWAPP
MAN, THIS DAY JUST KEEPS GETTING--
FASTANDA RETURNADA!
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
YES?


ROOM SERVICE.
GREAT, I'M STARVING.
YOU ORDERED ALL THIS JUST FOR YOU?
I GUESS MY EYES WERE BIGGER THAN MY, UH, STOMACH.
THANK YOU.
OKAY, KIDS...
GUESS THAT'S IT FOR ME AND THE AVENGERS. GOOD LUCK AND--
EVERYONE CALM DOWN AND EAT SOMETHING.
WE'VE BEEN GOING TWO DAYS WITHOUT ANY SLEEP OR FOOD.
STAY.
OKAY, HOW ABOUT YOU GO?
YOU ACT LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON LIVING IN HELL HERE.
WE ALL ARE.
EXACTLY.
EXACTLY.
I KNOW.
I'M NOT A SKRULL.
MAYBE.
YOU KNOW WHAT WE NEED?
WE NEED SOME BAD GUYS TO PUNCH.
YEAH, WHERE ARE THE BAD GUYS?

HELL'S KITCHEN
I KNOW THESE ARE TENSE TIMES.
BUT I PROMISE YOU, WEAPONS ARE NOT NECESSARY.
CASH WILL DO.
MY NAME IS LELAND OWLSLEY. AND I KNOW YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WHAT I HAVE TO OFFER OR YOU WOULD NOT HAVE COME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE.
SO AGAIN, I ASSURE YOU, THE GUNS ARE INAPPROPRIATE.
FIRST, SOME INTRODUCTIONS...
THIS IS THE CRIMSON COWL.
THIS IS DOCTOR JONAS HARROW.
(NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.)
GO TO HELL.
BENTLEY WITTMAN, THE WIZARD.
I-I DON'T LIKE THIS.
AND THE MAYBE-LOVELY WHITNEY FROST, A.K.A. MADAME MASQUE.
IF THIS IS AN FBI STING, I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW THAT I AM ONLY HERE BECAUSE--
THIS AIN'T A STING OPERATION.
THIS IS AN OPEN AUCTION. HIGHEST BIDDER WINS.
BUT BEFORE WE START, IF ANY ONE OF YOU TRIES ANY FUNNY BUSINESS...
...LIKE SHOOTING ME IN THE HEAD OR TRYING TO STEAL THIS ITEM OUT FROM UNDER ME OR THE WINNER...
...DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE ALREADY BOUNTY CONTRACTS OUT ON ALL OF YOU.
*AFTER* THE TRANSACTION IS COMPLETE, AND *ONLY* AFTER THE TRANSACTION IS COMPLETE...WILL I LIFT THE CONTRACTS.
IF THE CONTRACTORS DO NOT HEAR FROM ME WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, THE PIN IS PULLED.
SO, MY *POINT* IS, IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS TO KEEP ME HAPPY AND BREATHING.
WHAT IS IT ALREADY? I HATE THIS CRYPTIC %%$#!
IF THIS IS MORE CAPEKILLER ARMOR PARTS, I'VE GOT PLENTY.
LET'S SEE IT.
CLICK

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-- LUTHER MANNING, CODENAME DEATHLOK.
IS-IS HE ALIVE?
CLICK
ZzZTTTT
GRRR!
TRUTH IS-- THE WAY IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ME--
--THE TECHNOLOGY THAT MADE HIM THIS EARLY MODEL CYBERNETIC MANDROID OR WHATEVER THE HELL YOU CALL IT--
--IS WORTH JUST AS MUCH AS HAVING HIM AS A CONTROLLED PET.
SO THE OWNER OF THIS PRIZED POSSESSION COULD EITHER TAKE THE LEASH OFF OF HIM AND USE HIM FOR WHATEVER--
--OR JUST DISSECT HIM FOR THE TECHNOLOGY AND MAKE BACK YOUR MONEY TEN TIMES OVER THAT WAY.
EXCUSE ME.

THIS TRANSACTION HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED.

AND THAT ITEM IS NOT YOURS TO AUCTION OFF.

EXCUSE ME?

I KNEW IT!

I HAVE A MESSAGE.

FROM NOW ON, IF *ANY* OF YOU WANT TO MAKE A TRANSACTION LIKE *THIS*...

IF YOU NEED TO DO BUSINESS TOGETHER...

IF YOU'RE PLANNING A MOVE...

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER UP.

WHO THE HELL *IS* THIS?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

KILL IT.

HEY, HEY, I WANT TO KNOW WHY HE'S HERE FIRST.

*WHY* I'M HERE ISN'T WHAT SHOULD CONCERN YOU.

OH YEAH?

IT'S *WHO* I'M REPRESENTING.

YOU TELL WHOEVER THE HELL YOU REPRESENT THAT *I* DON'T ANSWER TO *ANYONE*.

UH-HUH.

I DIDN'T ANSWER TO WILSON FISK.

UH-HUH.

I DIDN'T ANSWER TO THAT IDIOT HAMMERHEAD.

UH-HUH.

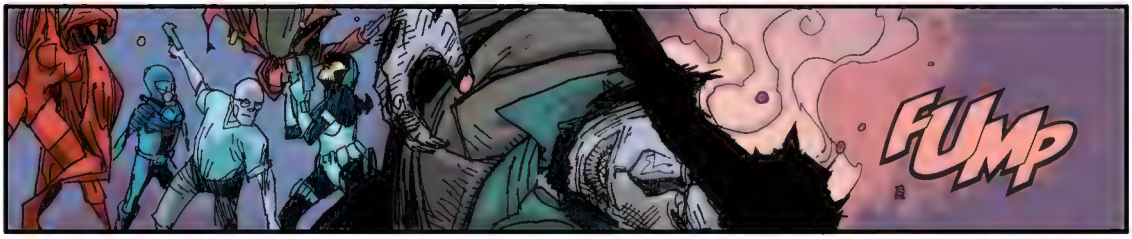
AND I CERTAINLY AIN'T ANSWERING TO *YOU!*

UH-HUH.

WELL... MAYBE WHAT *SHOULD* CONCERN YOU IS WHY *YOU'RE* HERE.

OH YEAH? AND WHY AM *I* HERE?

YOU'RE HERE AS A CAUTIONARY TALE.


FUMP

ZZZFFFFT
BGGG!
BANG BANG BANG
FSAHAM

UH...WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

THE WAY IT IS.

YOU-YOU KILLED US!
PLEASE!
THERE'S NO BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD. THERE'S NO CONTRACTS OUT ON YOU.
LOOK AROUND... HE HAD NO MONEY. HE HAD NO CREW. HE HAS A RENTED TRUCK.
HE UNLOADED THIS--THIS THING HIMSELF.

THIS IDIOT GOT OUT OF JAIL THREE DAYS AGO, KILLED FOUR S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS TO STEAL THIS...

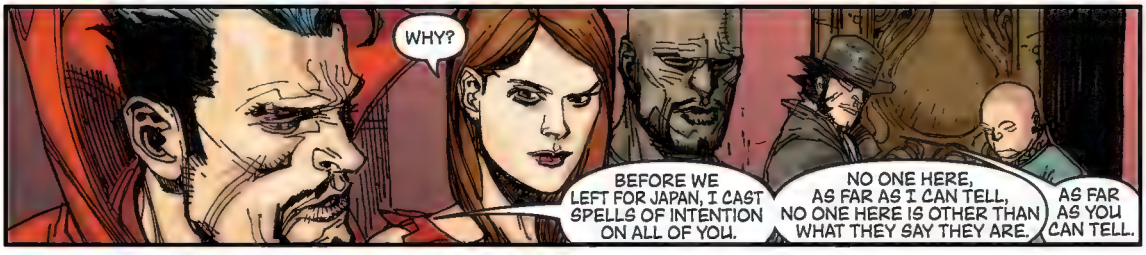
AND HE DID IT WITHOUT PERMISSION.
AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU NOW IF YOU DO THINGS WITHOUT PERMISSION.
PERMISSION FROM WHO?

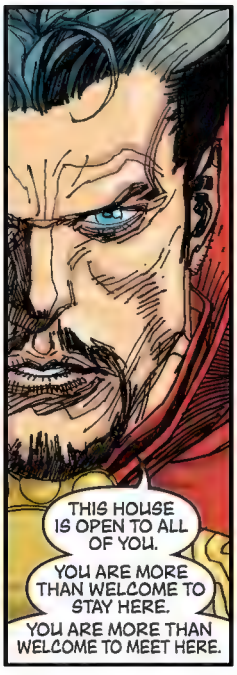
SO MY FAMILY IS DRIVING TO FLORIDA. ON VACATION.
A FAMILY VACATION CAR TRIP.
AND I PROMISE YOU *THAT* CYCLE OF FAMILY HELL ENDS WITH US. I WILL *NOT* BE MAKING YOU TAKE A CAR TRIP WITH US.
IF WE CAN'T AFFORD TO FLY THERE, WE AIN'T GOING.
OH, AND IF YOU END UP HAVING POWERS, I DON'T WANT YOU WEARING A--
YIKES!
YOU GUYS OKAY?
I'LL TELL YOU LATER.
IS THIS HER?
THIS IS MAYA LOPEZ. MAYA LOPEZ, JESSICA JONES. MY WIFE.
UH, HEY.
MAY I?
(SHE'S DEAF, SO LOOK RIGHT AT HER WHEN YOU TALK.)

THIS BABY IS STUNNING.
AIN'T SHE?
BUT WE'VE BEEN COOPED UP HERE FOR--
HEY, UH, HERE'S YOUR RONIN STUFF BACK.
YOU CAN KEEP IT.
WHY?
I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE. IT'S SERVED ITS PURPOSE.
IT'S YOURS.
AND I AM GIVING IT TO YOU. IN THANKS FOR YOUR RESCUE.
IT'S YOURS NOW. THE RONIN IS THE MASTERLESS SAMURAI.
I KNOW WHAT IT IS.
YOU CAN KEEP IT UNTIL YOU NO LONGER NEED IT.
MASTER, CAN I PREPARE DINNER FOR EVERYONE?
WHERE'S, UH, WHERE'S JESSICA DREW?

UH...
I GOT TO GET HOME.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST WALK AWAY FROM ALL THIS.

IF YOU ALL GOTTA LEAVE, LEAVE. I CAN'T TELL YOU NOT TO.
WHAT HAPPENED?
WELL, WE CAN'T TRUST EACH OTHER.


WHY?
BEFORE WE LEFT FOR JAPAN, I CAST SPELLS OF INTENTION ON ALL OF YOU.
NO ONE HERE, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, NO ONE HERE IS OTHER THAN WHAT THEY SAY THEY ARE.
AS FAR AS YOU CAN TELL.


THIS HOUSE IS OPEN TO ALL OF YOU.
YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO STAY HERE.
YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO MEET HERE.

TELL YOU WHAT... WE MEET BACK HERE FOR DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT.
GIVE EVERYONE A DAY TO CLEAR THEIR HEADS AND FIGURE SOME @#$% OUT.
IF YOU COME BACK, WE'LL START TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN.
IF YOU DON'T-- AIN'T NO BOTHER.

SO... WHAT HAPPENED?
HELLO?
WHAT THE $%^&, LUKE?
I DON'T WANT TO TALK NOW.
DAMMIT, LUKE.
I NEED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.
CAGE
I'M SITTING HERE FOR THE LAST FOUR DAYS STUCK IN THE HAUNTED MANSION... ROCKING *YOUR* BABY!
SNAP THE @#$% OUT OF IT AND TELL ME WHAT THE #$%@ IS GOING ON!
WHAT?
ARE YOU *MAD* AT ME?

HOW MUCH SUPPORT IS ENOUGH FOR YOU?? I'VE @#$%ING SWALLOWED EVERY PART OF MYSELF TO DO THE RIGHT THING HERE!
HOW MUCH OF MYSELF AM I SUPPOSED TO SUPPRESS IN ALL THIS?
HOW MUCH OF MYSELF DO I HAVE TO CHANGE?
YOU *HAVE* CHANGED A LOT.
BECAUSE I HAD TO.
HAVEN'T HAD A DRINK.
WE GOT A KID.
UH-HUH.
AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU LOVE ME.
"ALL OF A SUDDEN?"
WHAT THE HELL IS *WRONG* WITH YOU?
$#%@ YOU.

OH, COME ON...
HOW YA BEEN, HANK?
GREAT!
WHY GREAT? 'CAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN MONTHS.
BEER.
THEN GO.
WHERE ARE ALL THE REGULARS?
PROBABLY OUT ROBBING, SEEING AS ALL THE HEROES ARE TOO BUSY BEATING EACH OTHER UP!
WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
JUST HERE TO SEE WHAT'S NEW IN THE WORLD.
UH-HUH.
WELL, IT COST ME THREE GRAND TO BUFF THE CLAW MARKS OUT OF MY BAR FROM THE LAST TIME YOU WERE JUST HERE TO SEE WHAT'S NEW IN THE WORLD.
JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHAT YOU'VE HEARD.
YOU'RE GOING TO GET ME KILLED PULLING $%^# LIKE THIS.
THERE AIN'T NOBODY HERE.
THEY'RE IN THE BACK.
WHO?
WAIT, WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
WHO'S IN THE BACK?
NO ONE.
WHO?

CA CHUNK
DAMN IT!
PARKER ROBBINS IS BACK THERE.
CA CHUNK
WHO THE $%^# IS PARKER ROBBINS?
WHO IS HE?
THE WHO?
THE HOOD.
YOU WEREN'T LOOKING FOR HIM?
WHO WERE YOU LOOKING FOR?
WHO IS HE?
YOU'RE GONNA TRASH MY BAR. AGAIN!
SCREW THIS, MAN.
I'M MOVING TO PORTLAND!
--TO DO IS PROGRAM IT.
FIND OUT IF YOU CAN.
THERE'S A PERSON IN THERE. YOU CAN'T JUST PROGRAM IT.
YOU WANT TO PROGRAM DEATHLOK TO DO WHAT?
POINT HIM AT SOMETHING.
AVENGERS TOWER. WALK HIM RIGHT THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.
YOU WANT TO WALK DEATHLOK RIGHT THROUGH THE--THEY'LL KILL HIM.
MAYBE. BUT HE'LL DO DAMAGE. THOSE ARROGANT *$^$. LET THEM TAKE IT IN THE--
THEY'LL BLOW HIM AWAY! I HEARD THAT SENTRY GUY JUST FLIES STUFF INTO THE SUN.
FINE, WHAT DOES IT COST US?
NO ONE WILL KNOW IT WAS YOU.
THOSE "SUPER HERO" @#$% WON'T KNOW, BUT THE RIGHT PEOPLE WILL HEAR ABOUT IT.

CRASH!
OH MY--
THE HELL?
AGH!
TELL YOUR PAL HE CAN CUT IT OUT WITH THE INVISIBLE #$%#@!
I CAN SMELL HIS STINK.

I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S YOU YOU SMELL.
TO BE CONTINUED...